IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

ENDL et al.

Serial Number: 08/981,824

Filed: September 18, 1998

For: AUTOREACTIVE PEPTIDES FROM HUMAN GLUTAMIC ACID

DECARBOXYLASE (GAD)

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Group Art Unit: 1644

Examiner: Dibrino, M.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

March 24, 2000

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Sir:

Before the examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants request that the application be amended as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as shown below:

1. (Twice Amended)

Peptide or peptide derivative comprising:

(a) the amino acid sequence (I) (SEQ ID NO:1)

D-V-N-Y-A-F-L-H-A-T\D-L-L-P-A-C-D-G-E-R,

(b) the amino acid sequence (II) (SEQ ID NO:2)

S-N-M-Y-A-M-M-I-A-R-F-K-M-F-P-E-V-K-E-K,